

THE GAZETTE. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1887.

That portion of the suburban town of Hyde Park, south of Chicago, which voted in favor of annexation at the November election, including nearly the entire town, has been formally taken possession of by the city authorities of Chicago, and is now to all intents and purposes a part of Chicago. By the recent annexation of portions of the towns of Jefferson, Cicero and Hyde Park, Chicago's population has been increased by over 70,000, and swells the city's total population to nearly 900,000. This makes Chicago the second city, according to population, in the United States.

The defenseless condition of our coast is again brought vividly to public notice by the report of the secretary of war. On the entire Atlantic and Gulf coast there are only 142 rifled guns, of which 116 are obsolete and of low power, and even those that are serviceable are of little value. The Pacific coast is entirely destitute of guns and fortifications. These facts show one of two things—either that the United States have been almost criminally careless in neglecting to provide for defense against the attack of a foreign power, or else that there is widespread confidence that this nation is to continue in peaceable relations with the rest of the world for an indefinite period.

When a man makes an announcement and then demolishes it himself, says the New York Tribune, he saves his opponent much trouble. This is just what Mr. Cleveland has done in his free trade lecture to congress. Ignoring the fact that a tax is a tax whether direct or indirect, and that the surplus is as much an internal revenue surplus as a customs surplus, he starts out by alleging that the tariff is the culprit who must suffer all the blame for an unnecessary revenue. But not content with this admission of the tariff, he says that it raises prices generally and in making this point he hits his previous one a fatal blow. For, he says, "while comparatively a few use the imported articles, millions of our people, who never use and never saw any of the foreign products, purchase and use things of the same kind made in this country, and pay therefore nearly or quite the same enhanced price which the duty adds to the imported articles." If this be true, it knocks the bottom right out of his whole message. If the tariff creates the surplus, and "competitively a few" people pay the tariff, then it is the money not of the whole population but only of a small minority that lies in the treasury. If "millions of our people" deal among themselves, even though they charge themselves high prices, their exorbitant revenues are kept constantly in circulation, and form no part of the surplus. If the surplus is made by a few, it cannot injure the many, and if the most of us are not hurt by it, why all this excitement? The moral of this rhetoric and absurdum to free trade doctrines is—make only one point at a time.

It is worthy of note that the three leading Blaine-or-Bast organs of the country—the New York Tribune, the Chicago Tribune, and the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette—were the three leading Greeley organs of 1872. They crowded and led the bolt which they vainly imagined would wreck the republican party that year. They did not represent public sentiment then, and they should they be supposed to represent public sentiment now?—St. Louis Democrat.

There is a good deal of truth in the foregoing item from the Globe-Democrat. Their bull-headedness may find themselves in the position of the coxswain of his cottoned wagon "Pike's Peak or Bust." In a month thereafter he was returning with an entirely new sentiment painted on the wagon: "Justed, by thunder." It is perfectly proper for Mr. Blaine or any other firm to be a candidate for the presidency; and it is likewise perfectly proper for any republican newspaper to wisely press his claims; but it is very unwise, in fact it is a grave political blunder, for any man or any newspaper, to insist that Mr. Blaine is the only man the republicans can nominate and succeed. Mr. Blaine, of course, cannot harmonize the party. He cannot command its full vote, and how largely success next year depends upon harmony and a solid vote, is not necessary to explain to any intelligent republican.

The extra Blaine papers do the republican cause much honor by publishing such purported interviews as was lately had with Congressman Delany, of New York. It is the opinion of Mr. Delany that Mr. Blaine is the strongest man the republicans can nominate with success in New York. And not only that, but he proclaimed the opinion that Mr. Blaine is the only republican who can carry the state. All this may be true, but it is not for Mr. Delany or any newspaper, to demand the nomination of any republican candidate, especially for the reason that there are four doubtful states to look after, without the aid of some of which the republicans cannot succeed.

obtained from the government at \$2.50 an acre were sold to the public at \$7.50 an acre, and the timber on it is said to have been worth \$10,000,000. It has incidentally appeared that Mr. Vilas' brother Joseph, with a partner named Paterson, acquired an adjoining tract through the same man who worked the scheme of the Scotch capitalists and thought they bought the land of him for \$7 an acre, there is a suspicion that the title was originally obtained from the government by a process similar to that used in the other case. At the time this matter was being looked into it was reported that Joseph Vilas' partner visited Commissioner Sparks with a letter of introduction from the patent agent to come to the attention of the assumption that the title to these redwood lands rested upon fraud.

Mr. Sparks has been interviewed on the redwood fraud, but he declined to say anything in relation thereto except that Mr. Paterson had been introduced to him. Sparks was very offensive to the administration. He was too vigorous and persisting in his efforts to keep certain portions of the public domain out of the clutches of syndicates and railway companies. Lamar did not like him for that, and as Colonel Vilas was going to fill Lamar's interior shoes, he did not want him add therefore because he tried to serve the people too well, Sparks was kicked out of office. It is no wonder, judging from the Times' editorial, that Colonel Vilas did not want Sparks to the land office. But Sparks' actions received the endorsement of Mr. Cleveland, which is quite amusing. The president's letter was a compliment to Sparks, but mightily rough on the administration.

As one of the justices of the United States supreme court Mr. Lamar will naturally be called upon to expound the Constitution. Not many years ago he asserted that the founders of the republic had put the negro "as an institution of property and of society and of government into the constitution." At the same time he declared his firm devotion to the constitution, "but," he said, "as a member of congress on the floor of the house of representatives, when his spirit is no longer observed I war upon government; I am against it. I raise then the banner of secession, and I will fight until it is long as the blood ebbs and flows in my veins."

The inability of Mr. Lamar to distinguish between treason and loyalty is simply shown in his record in defense of Jefferson Davis. In March, 1879, when the question of granting a pension to Mr. Davis was under consideration in the senate, he said: "Jefferson Davis stands in precisely the position that I stand in. The only difference between myself and Jefferson Davis is that his exalted character has pre-eminently made him well established reputation as a statesman, as a patriot and as a soldier, enabled him to take the lead in a cause to which I consecrated myself. He has been well and justly honored for his participation in that great movement."

Again in January, 1885, on a motion that he offered to a resolution by Senator Hawley calling for a letter said to have been filed in the War Department by General Sherman, concerning the public policy of the executive departments of the confederate states, Mr. Lamar said, in reply to some remarks by Senator Sherman: "We of the south have surrendered upon all the questions which divided the two sections in that controversy. We have given up the right of the people to secede from this Union; we have given up the right of each state to judge for itself of the infractions of the Constitution and the mode of redress; we have given up the right to control our own domestic institutions. We fought for all these things and lost in that controversy, but no man shall in my presence call Jefferson Davis a traitor without my responding with a stern and emphatic denial."

While delivering these remarks Mr. Lamar exhibited his judicial temper by shaking his fist at the other side of the chamber, stamping his foot, pounding his desk and exclaiming the air with his arms until he seemed physically unable to continue.

The Philadelphia Press gives some figures to show how the money value of protective duties is exaggerated by the free-traders. All the duties now collected on manufactures, wool, silk, iron, and steel, cotton, chemicals, flax and hemp, in 1886, only aggregated \$21,152,000. These are the figures:

All manufactures of wool.....	\$2,732,335
All manufactures of silk.....	1,422,250
All iron and steel manufactures.....	1,022,250
All cotton manufactures.....	1,122,250
All flax, hemp and hemp.....	2,222,250
Total.....	\$8,522,250

If the reduction were to come on this line, all protection must go. A slight reduction on these duties would increase revenue by stimulating imports. Even tin plates, about which so much noise is made, yielded only \$8,555,201 in 1886, and the other additions suggested to the free list make this beggarly reduction of revenue:

Cotton.....	6,721
Salt.....	52,721
Wool.....	52,721
Total.....	\$112,163

The simple fact is that the necessary reduction can not be made on the tariff unless sugar is placed on the free list—without cutting away the duties altogether. But sugar is not to be touched since it is the product of the democratic state of Louisiana. The true democratic policy would be to double the tariff on sugar and repeal all other duties.

There will be no winter carnival this season at Montreal.

CHICAGO CHOSEN. The Next Republican National Convention to Be Held There.

JUNE 19 SELECTED AS THE DATE.

Proceedings of the National Committee's Session—William Jones' Address—Fifteenth Securing Majority at the Hotel.

CHICAGO OPENS THE CONVENTION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The National Republican Convention met at the Arlington hotel at 11 o'clock yesterday. Chairman Jones called the committee to order and Samuel P. Johnson acted as secretary. Mr. Jones stated that the object of the meeting was to select a date and place for holding the next convention and to consider with other matters which might properly be brought before the committee. In brief his speech was as follows:

He congratulated the committee on the improved prospects of the republican party since the committee met four years ago. Although by accident the republican party had the presidency and the prestige of success, with the signs everywhere for republican success in 1892. The republican party had not yet lost its faith and the material interests of the country were still prosperous as a result of republican legislation. Recent utterances, however, indicated the determination to end this prosperity by adverse legislation forced upon the country by an administration hostile to American industry. This was indicated by the return to power of the republican party in the National Government, so that American industry, commerce, agriculture, generally, with its manufacturing and textile productions may have continued prosperity, and the employees in these industries constant employment and increased wages, such as a nation wishes should receive.

The roll was then called and every State and Territory, with one or two exceptions, were represented by a delegate or a proxy. It is as follows:

R. F. Jones, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Samuel P. Johnson, Connecticut, Secretary; Alabama, T. Youngblood; Arkansas, F. W. Clayton; Colorado, William A. Hamill; Delaware, D. L. Layton; Florida, Jesse D. George; Georgia, F. E. Putney; Idaho, David T. Little; Indiana, John C. New; Iowa, J. S. Clarkson; Kansas, Cyrus Leland; Kentucky, Frank Morris; Maine, J. M. McKelvey; Maryland, James A. Gary; Massachusetts, W. C. Crago; Michigan, John P. Sanborn; Minnesota, M. O. Noron; Mississippi, John R. Mason; Missouri, N. Van Horn; Nebraska, Charles Howe; New Hampshire, E. H. Tilling; New Jersey, G. A. Robert; New York, John B. Lawrence; North Carolina, W. B. Humphreys; Ohio, A. L. Conger; Rhode Island, Horace A. Jenks; South Carolina, J. B. Johnson; Tennessee, W. P. Lowmeyer; Texas, G. C. Hays; Vermont, George W. Henshaw; Virginia, Frank S. Blair; West Virginia, John W. Mason; Wisconsin, Edward Sanderson; Arizona, Clark Churchill; Dakota, John E. Bennett; Idaho, S. M. Conlin; Montana, James A. Smith; New Mexico, Stephen B. Elkins; Washington, Thomas S. Minor; Wyoming, Joseph W. Vinal; G. W. Hest, District of Columbia, Perry H. Carson.

Several vacancies on the committee were then filled. M. B. Foley was selected to take the place of Thomas W. from New York. H. Herman to take the place of John T. Apperson, of Oregon, Congressman W. W. Morrow to take the place of Horace Davis, of California, and G. M. Thomas to take the place of J. A. Moore, of Kentucky. Ex-Senator Whitson, of Minnesota, and I. B. Henderson, of St. Louis, made formal speeches in favor of their respective candidates.

The climax of Chicago was presented by Mayor Noble and Senator Culver. Senator Henderson spoke for Chicago. He presented Henderson and Mural Halstead for Philadelphia. After some discussion a resolution of Governor Gillette of Dakota, was adopted, after being amended, so as to allow Dakota and Wyoming to send four contingent delegates each in addition to the two regular delegates, whose admission would be decided by the convention.

The formal papers presenting the claims of Chicago, Minneapolis and Omaha were submitted, and the committee then proceeded to ballot. The first informal ballot resulted as follows: For Chicago, 11; Omaha, 10; Cincinnati, 8; Minneapolis, 6; Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 2; Washington, 1. The committee then proceeded to vote formally by ballot, and the result was announced as follows: Whole number of ballots cast, 47; necessary to elect, 24; of which Chicago received 22; Omaha, 4; Cincinnati, 3; Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1. The second formal ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of ballots cast, 47; necessary to elect, 24; of which Chicago received 22; Omaha, 4; Cincinnati, 3; Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1. The committee then proceeded to vote formally by ballot, and the result was announced as follows: Whole number of ballots cast, 47; necessary to elect, 24; of which Chicago received 22; Omaha, 4; Cincinnati, 3; Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1.

Mr. Gallagher, delegate from the New York Working-men's party, was, on application, admitted to present the views of that party. The speaker was, Senator Sherman, who presented the views of the committee to the convention. He wanted the committee to further the views of the labor party in the direction of a high protective tariff, a strong navy for defense, internal improvements, compulsory education and other matters, and to use the surplus and protect the labor of American working-men. They asked for the abolition of the white slave, as they called it, and witnessed that of the black slave. On motion of Mr. Conger, of Ohio, the hearty and full co-operation of the committee was voted to the men represented by Mr. Gallagher. The committee then adjourned.

The Republican National League last night gave a reception to the National Republican Convention, which was attended by all the visiting delegates and almost all the regular members of Congress. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers, National flags and portraits of Republican leaders, and notices were numerous displayed, favoring protection to American industry and enterprise. This was the key-note of all the speeches, the speakers assailing the President's message and advocating protection. The speakers were: Senator Culver, Senator of Nevada, Allison, Hawley and Evans, Editor Halstead of Cincinnati, Delegate Plummer of Dakota, and Representative Voss of Connecticut. Many of California, and McGowan of Maryland.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE. Leading Figures Contributed by Colonel Green, Dr. McCosh and Others.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Evangelical Alliance, the highest-spirited, energetic, and the most influential of the Evangelical Alliance. The leading paper of the alliance was read by Colonel J. L. Green, of Hartford, Conn., on "The Social Vice." He said that every kind of lawlessness instinctively recognizes the family as a foe, and seeks to corrupt and weaken it. The speaker named among the more dangerous and most ungodly agencies for poisoning the social vice: The public school, with its inevitable mingling of the pure and the impure, where evil influences are as ho as fungi in a swamp; the high-spirited, energetic, and the most influential of the Evangelical Alliance. The leading paper of the alliance was read by Colonel J. L. Green, of Hartford, Conn., on "The Social Vice." He said that every kind of lawlessness instinctively recognizes the family as a foe, and seeks to corrupt and weaken it. 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